

# National Infrastructure Advisory Council (NIAC)

## The Framework for Dealing with Disasters and Related Interdependencies Working Group

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## Overview

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## Objective

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- ❑ The Study will provide actionable recommendations on three core components:
  - Regional Cooperation Framework
  - Interdependencies
  - Framework for Dealing with Disasters

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## Timeframe & Approach

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- ❑ Initiated at January 8 Business Meeting
- ❑ Slated for completion at the January meeting
- ❑ Focus on a single sector affecting others, for example:
  - Water
  - Energy
    - ❑ Oil & gas/electricity service interruption
  - Transportation
    - ❑ Critical bridges/highways
    - ❑ Maritime
    - ❑ Railroad

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## Scope

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- ▣ Centers on physical disasters affecting physical infrastructure as well as any related financial needs of that infrastructure during disasters.
- ▣ Includes all critical infrastructures, including telecommunications.
- ▣ Disasters would include terrorist events, manmade incidents (including accidents), and natural disasters.

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## Regional Cooperation Framework

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- ▣ Cooperating regional entities include:
  - Local agencies, first responders, and law enforcement (county police),
  - State agencies, law enforcement (state police), and fusion centers,
  - Federal agencies and law enforcement (FBI), and
  - Private sector critical infrastructure and key resources (CIKR)

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## Interdependencies

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- ▣ The study's key objectives include identifying and defining:
  - Communications and relationships needed to foster the planning and support of business continuity.
  - Role of SSAs in fostering communications and relationships between sectors.
  - Role of state and local entities, in conjunction with SSAs and Sectors, for planning, response, and recovery for specific local events.

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## Framework for Dealing with Disasters

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- ▣ This segment will seek to address:
  - Federal Powers
  - Industry-Cooperative Approach
- ▣ The Working Group will seek to:
  - Identify hypothetical terrorist events with such potentially catastrophic consequences they would pose significant challenges to CI for response and recovery.
  - Identify gaps in physical or financial capabilities or policies that would prevent preparing for these disasters and prevent restoring these infrastructures and/or maintaining their financial viability.

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## Federal Powers

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- ▣ Examine the framework of Federal powers to address these gaps and identify any additional Federal powers that do not presently exist that would be beneficial if available.

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## Industry-Cooperative Approach

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- ▣ Examine any industry-cooperative approaches to dealing with disasters, and consider whether they serve as useful models for other sectors or other types of disasters than which they were originally developed.

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# Questions?